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TAGS: SHUM, SREF, HA, MX
SUBJECT: HAITI REFUSES SAFE CONDUCT TO ASYLEES AT MEXICAN EMBASSY

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 0825

1. FIRST INDICATIONS (REFTEL) THAT GOH WOULD REFUSE TO GRANT SAFE CONDUCT TO TWO HAITIANS WHO SOUGHT ASYLUM AT MEXICAN EMBASSY MARCH 7 HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR IRIGOYEN WAS TOLD IN STORMY MEETING ON MARCH 16 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS, JUSTICE MINISTER JEANTY, AND THREE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT HAITIANS COULD NOT ACCEPT MEXICAN EMBASSY GIVING ASYLUM "TO EVERY COMMON CRIMINAL WHO WALKS IN OFF THE STREET." BRUTUS EVEN ACCUSED IRIGOYEN OF ACCEPTING BRIBE IN RETURN FOR GRANT OF ASYLUM -- AN ACCUSATION IRIGOYEN ANGRILY AND WITH RAISED VOICE VIGOROUSLY REJECTED.

2. ACCORDING TO IRIGOYEN, HAITIANS HAD HOPED THAT LANGUAGE OF HIS NOTE WOULD SUPPORT THEIR CONTENTION THAT RIGAUD AND DUPUY WERE SOMETHING LESS THAN POLITICAL REFUGEES. IRIGOYEN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HIS MINISRY HAD SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED HIM TO MAKE THE REQUEST FOR SAFE CONDUCT IN EXACTLY THE SAME FORMAT THE MEXICANS ALWAYS USE IN SUCH CASES. WHEN IRIGOYEN EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS ACTING UNDER
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STRICT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, BRUTUS REACTED PETULANTLY. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, IROGOYEN ASKED IF HIS REQUEST WOULD BE ANSWERED. HE WAS TOLD IT WOULD AND THAT IT WAS LIKELY HIS EMBASSY WOULD HAVE HOUSE-GUESTS FOR A LONG TIME.

3. IRIGOYEN IS LEAVING HAITI SOON FOR A NEW ASSIGNMENT BUT

HE SAID HIS SUCCESSOR WOULD HARBOR THE TWO ASYLEES AS LONG AS
NECESSARY. HE HIMSELF IS MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THAT HE
MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.
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